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1. On December 22, 1995, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) asked that Order 95-7-15 be modified: (1) to extend the deadline in ordering paragraph 1, until April 1, 1996; and (2) to clarify that the obligation imposed on U.S. carrier representatives by ordering paragraph 3(d) runs directly to those representatives and is not a condition subsequent to the immunity of any discussion. IATA also requested that the answer period under 14 C.F.R. §303.42 be shortened from 21 to five days. This last request was granted in part and the due date for Answers to the IATA application was set for January 9, 1996. See DOT Notice of Time for Filing Answers, Docket OST-95-232 (49152), January 3, 1996. Air Canada is filing its Answer on the First day on which the Department has been open since January 9, 1996.

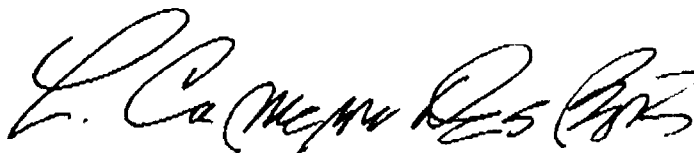
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2. Air Canada supports the IATA request for relief and urges that the Department act quickly to approve it. Air Canada has been an active participant in the industry's now year-long effort to reform the Warsaw system and was among the first to sign the IATA Inter-carrier Agreement (IIA) which was opened for signature on October 31, 1995 in Kuala Lumpur.

3. Air Canada is anxious to discuss with other airlines (U.S. and non-U.S.) implementation of the IIA on U.S. routes and elsewhere and will strive for a consensus that satisfies, to the greatest extent possible, the interests of passengers, governments and airlines.

4. Air Canada therefore urges the Department to approve promptly IATA's request for a 90-day extension of the discussion authority granted in Order 95-7-15 and create the conditions in which carriers may continue their efforts to reform the Warsaw Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Cameron Desbois', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I certify that on January 11, 1996, I have served by mail, with postage prepaid, a copy of this Answer upon counsel for the Applicant and on each person served with its Application.**



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